
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY TO REQUIRE YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS TO INITIATE AND IMPLEMENT CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PLANS.

1 WHEREAS, concussions may cause lasting health effects
2 including memory problems; lack of inhibition; intense anger or
3 aggression; personality changes; inattention and lack of
4 concentration; problems organizing, planning, and problem
5 solving; and language impairment; and
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7 WHEREAS, baseline and post-injury neuropsychological and
8 balance assessments, as well as an examination and release from
9 the child's physician before starting a return to play plan are
10 vital to properly evaluating and treating concussions in
11 children; and
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13 WHEREAS, proper diagnosis, treatment, and return to play
14 planning is necessary to protect children from lifelong effects
15 of brain injury; and
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17 WHEREAS, the issue of concussion management in
18 interscholastic sports and youth sports leagues has spurred
19 legal action nationwide; and
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21 WHEREAS, not all youth sports organizations in Hawaii
22 employ concussion management plans; and
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24 WHEREAS, while Act 197, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, set a
25 standard for concussion awareness, education, and management for
26 high school student athletes, a second step is necessary to
27 implement a similar concussion protocol for participants in
28 youth sports organizations; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Concussion
4 Awareness and Management Program within the University of Hawaii
5 at Manoa Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science is
6 requested to convene a working group to develop an
7 implementation strategy to require youth sports organizations to
8 initiate and implement concussion management plans by
9 December 31, 2017; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be led by the
12 Chair of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of
13 Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science, or the Chair's designee;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include but
17 not be limited to the following members:

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19 (1) A representative from the Hawaii High School Athletic
20 Association;
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22 (2) Four representatives from youth sports organizations
23 to be selected by the Chair of the University of
24 Hawaii at Manoa Department of Kinesiology and
25 Rehabilitation Science;
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27 (3) A representative from the Hawaii Athletic Trainers'
28 Association; and
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30 (4) A representative from the Department of Health; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Concussion Awareness
33 and Management Program within the University of Hawaii at Manoa
34 Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science submit a
35 report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
36 convening of the Regular Session of 2016, on the working group's
37 implementation strategy and recommendations, including proposed
38 legislation, for developing a statewide youth sports concussion
39 management program; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health submit
42 a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to



1 the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2017 and 2018 on the
2 status of implementation of concussion management plans among
3 youth sports organizations; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group cease to
6 exist on July 1, 2018; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
10 of Health, Chair of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department
11 of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science, Executive Director of
12 the Hawaii High School Athletic Association, and President of
13 the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association.
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